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REFLECTION

As another year passes let's take the time to reflect on the successes and learning moments of the last year. As we start a new year and set resolutions to become better perhaps we can benefit from a little advise offered by Jay Conrad Levinson and Seth Godin. They suggest 10 things that matter to most people.

1. Keeping Promises
2. Punctuality
3. Ethics and Honesty
4. Demeanor
5. Respect
6. Gratitude
7. Sincerity
8. Feedback
9. Enthusiasm
10. Initiative

As we look to another year and start to set goals, let's be the best that we can personally and professionally.

"Think Positive...If you want to get somewhere, you have to know where you want to go and how to get there. Then never, never, never give up. The secret of life isn't what happens to you, but what you do with what happens to you.

Never use the word impossible seriously again. Toss it into the verbal wastebasket.

Self-trust is the first secret of success. So believe in and trust yourself.

Stand up to your obstacles and do something about them. You will find that they haven't half the

strength you think they have.

Joy increases as you give it, and diminishes

The future is not shaped by people who don't really believe in the future.

--John W. Gardner

as you try to keep it for yourself. In giving it, you will accumulate a deposit of joy greater than you ever believed possible.

How you think about a problem is more important than the problem itself--so always think positively.

Go at life with abandon; give it all you've got. And life will give all it has to you."

Norman Vincent Peale

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JJS STAFF AND SERVICE

BY Debbie Rocha

JJS Employees joined in helping Soroptimist provide Christmas for Single moms.



Soroptimist, is a woman's service organization whose vision is to improve the lives of women and girls and help enrich the community. In the last two years, Soroptimist has generously given their tiem and made donations Salt Lake Female Observation and Assessment Center. "As a member of this organization I reached out to JJS staff to help put this year's Single Mom's Breakfast with Santa." says Debbie Rocha.

JJS staff were asked to donate a new, unwrapped toy for children or a small gift item that the children could wrap for their mom. Each year single moms struggle to provide a simple Christmas for their young children.



All too often these women face financial conflict of paying utility bills or buying warm clothing and gifts. This year's event helped relieve the stress of Christmas for 122 single mom's and about 250 children in our community.

"JJS staff were great in their willingness to give, says Debbie, and it was a humble experience for me to see those mothers come to the breakfast and pick out a toy for their children. They were so grateful to have a Christmas gift for their children. Because of the generosity of staff these moms can have a stress free Christmas.

Archway Crochets A Service

By Vickki Carver

Archway staff and youth decorated a tree for "The Christmas Jubilee" held at the

Eccles Center in Ogden. The tree was then auctioned off and the money went to special needs. The youth and staff learned a new skill and helped others less fortunate.

Debbie Rowe, a teacher at Archway Youth Center involved the youth in the Ogden Tree Festival. She was able to get a tree and

The project took from November 5th to November 20th to complete.



There are 150 ornaments and 21 chains that totaled 15 feet each.



supplies donated by Automatic Transmission Center. Debbie and her assistant Roni Patida taught the kids to crochet. She recruited her friends Karen and Wendy to help the youth and staff with the tree project.

The tree skirt and the star on top of the tree took 16 hours each to complete.



Lightning Peak and Llamas

Boys and girls from Lightning Peak lift hay and carry it to the Llama pens. The youth really enjoy working with the llamas at the Sri Radha Krishna Temple in Spanish Fork. This is a service that Lightning Peak staff take their youth to each Monday. The youth feed and walk the llamas across fields, around trees and over different Obstacles. "It's very fun," said a 14 year-old girl. "It's a lot of exercise."



Kalili Havea, a Lightning Peak counselor said, "working with the Llamas helps to train the animals, but it helps the youth as well. "Some of the kids, on their first day, were afraid to walk the llamas," he said, as he gestured to a girl hugging her llama around the neck. "They've learned to build some confidence." Leading the animal through the obstacle course helps a llama learn to not be afraid of what comes in front of it, and does much of the same for the youth," Havea said. "It becomes an education for the kids, and is very critical to helping them overcome fears," he said, "The llama relies more on the person in charge. If there's a tree branch ahead and you aren't willing to go under it, the llama won't either." Havea said.

Vai Warden, manager of the llama farm, said the service the teens provide is a big help. As a non-profit organization, everyone at the farm is a volunteer, and a lot of work needs to be done. Warden said many of the 50 llamas on the farm are rescue animals, and having the teens around to help is very good for them. "The kids are always really nice." And the ones that aren't? "I make them scoop a lot of poop." She said. At the end of the llama visit the tired youth make their way towards the Krishna Temple for some juice and fudge prepared for them by Warden.

Lightning Peak is an alternative to detention for at-risk youth. The teens live at home and go to school, but are not allowed phone calls or visits from friends. They can only leave home with a parent. The youth range in age from 12 to 18. They are picked up daily from their respective schools by Lightning Peak employees. Then they spend their time doing service in the community or attending different classes and groups. "The youth participate in different skill building classes such as cooking, finance and communications." Says Taylor Black, a Lightning Peak counselor. "Hopefully we catch them early enough that we can teach them other life skills," he said.

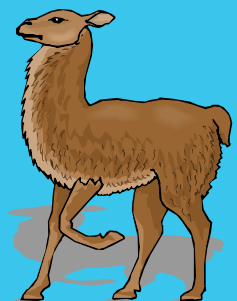
Havea says, "The youth work with festivals like the Freedom Festival, handicapped bowlers at Miracle Bowl each week, young children at the Family Support and Treatment Center, Special Olympics, The Boys and Girls club to name a few. The activities youth participate in with Lightning Peak are aimed at positive reinforcement," Havea said. The teens are allowed to attend events in the community, but afterwards they help to clean up. At the end of every activity, they can see the good that they do," Havea said.

NOTE: Article taken from the Daily Herald -Tuesday, September 11, 2007

NEED A VOLUNTEER? - HAVE NEWS? - WANT TO BRAG?

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(Dia de los Muertos)
By Lonny Burton Volunteer Coordinator /Salt Lake Valley Detention

Each youth invested a lot of time in creating posters with specific information regarding this special day. The artwork was fabulous and the information was very interesting. Each youth had their posters on display and stood next to them to explain the content of their work to invited guests from the Granite YESS Program and Wasatch Staff.

You are never too small to serve...



By Linda Campbell
Region Volunteer Coordinator

The first grade class of Robin Wheatley asked Linda Campbell (Region Volunteer Coordinator) if the boys and girls at Slate Canyon are cold? Will they go home soon? Are they scared at night?

Ms. Wheatley's class from Art City Elementary made fleece blankets for the youth at Slate Canyon. Her classes have done this service for the past several years. The children said to Linda that it hurt their fingers to make the blankets, but they wanted to do it so the kids wouldn't be cold. Linda said, "After getting the blankets the 20 little first graders all gave me a big hug around my legs and promised me that they would always 'chew' to not hit or hurt others so they got a piece of gum which their teacher allowed them to chew in class." As you can see from the pictures they are wonderful, darling children.



We want the kids at Slate Canyon to be warm

Do they get scared at night?



If you have an article you would like in correction connection please contact Lisa Schauerhamer Community Relations Coordinator (801) 538-4086 or lschauer@utah.gov. Share what is happening in your programs, with your staff and volunteers.

Change and Loss

As the year comes to an end we reflect on the accomplishments of many and along with joy comes sorrow for losses. Among our losses as a division were two young men that successfully completed our programs and went on to fight another battle. A battle of freedom.

Brandon Parr an interstate Youth from California successfully completed Probation here with Dave Melville and served two terms in the military. Brandon came to Utah after serving his time with the California Youth Authority. "He was an enjoyable kid to work with,"

says Dave Melville. He became a responsible adult. He was very successful

He would even check in after termination at ICAP and let staff know how he was doing. He married and had a son. Brandon served two terms in the military. He died on March 3, 2003.

Loving son, husband and father loved life and his family more than any-

thing. He laughed hard and would move mountains for those he loved. If you knew him you wanted to be around him, because life was fun. He loved life and family. He was funny and made everyone feel good, he was the greatest husband and father.

"I remember Parr as being a proud friendly soldier who always said "hi," says a former soldier. His first Sergeant says, "Brandon was an outstanding Soldier and you could always count on him. I will remember most his good natured attitude and the love for his family, friends and fellow Soldiers."

Parr was promoted to Sergeant in the field and never heard his promotion orders read, so they were read at the conclusion of the funeral Mass. He was awarded posthumously the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and a Combat Action Badge.

Larry Ismael Rogle graduated from Decker Lake and went on to become SSG Larry Ismael Rogle. He was on his sixth tour of duty, he served 2 in Iraq, and 3 in Afghanistan. He most recently was stationed in Italy. Larry was a beloved son, father, brother and nephew. He became a casualty in Afghanistan. Larry loved being a soldier and

serving his country. He had an aura about him that you couldn't help smiling and being happy when you were around him. Being with his fellow soldiers was what he lived for. He once said he would "die happy if guys fighting next to him could come home safe." He loved his daughter and taking her on adventures and riding bullet bikes.

Chris Pacheco, JJS Case Management kept in touch with Larry after his release from Decker. He says, "Larry grew so much after joining the military and devoted his life to it. In the past month or so, he and Chris were emailing. Chris was helping him get his transcripts because he was making plans to attend college and continue to build his knowledge." Chris got those transcripts the day that Larry died.

A fellow soldier said that Larry was one of a kind which can never be replaced. "Anyone who knew Larry knows he was a brother to us and was there anytime we needed him.

A past Jr. High teacher said, "He was full of adventure and she knew he could accomplish anything he set out to do. He was smart, funny, charming and fiercely loyal to his family and friends. He definitely was a leader and I am proud that he found his path and that he went on to be such a great



father, soldier and man.

Most of the information was taken from articles googled on the internet about these young men. They were able to turn their lives around and serve their country and each of us in a very honorable way. They were both buried with honor, Brandon here in Utah and Larry in the Arlington National Cemetery. We are sorry for their loss and grateful to them for the sacrifice they made for our continued freedom.



SSG Rougle, SSG Foote, SSG Upp



Brandon Parr and Mike Peek
Camp Cuervo, Iraq



FREEDOM



FREEDOM ISN'T FREE



I watched the flag pass by one day.
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.



I heard the sound of taps one night,
When everything was still
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That taps had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend
I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No Freedom isn't free.



Author Unknown

We're urged to stand for what is right,
For honor, country, state, and town;
But when the hard decisions rise,
The first thing said is "Let's sit down."

-----Art Buck

Dedicated Staff and Volunteers

Heidi Tuttle

By Debora Wawro



Heidi Tuttle is a Counselor II at Slate Canyon Youth Center. She has been chosen to spotlight in this Newsletter. Heidi has been with the division for over 10 years.

I have had the opportunity to see her in action as a unit volunteer coordinator for many years, reports Debora Wawro, Treatment Supervisor at Slate Canyon, making sure that needs of the youth are met in that capacity. For the past year and a half, I have worked directly with Heidi and have seen her become a great leader and role model for her co-workers. One area where I have been impressed most with Heidi, is in her ability to connect with our female population. She has the ability to develop relationships with the girls, which is truly apparent even when consequences are needed. I have been happy to see her model the ability to individualize needs and consequences when called for, to meet the needs of each girl. She has been on the front lines with our mental health youth and is always trying to make sure their special needs are met as quickly as possible. She has created new programming and come up with new ideas on a regular basis. Still she has had time to do special projects that not only have benefitted the girls unit, but has had a positive impact on the whole facility. Some of the special projects she has taken on are; doing a service project for the facility, the girls and Heidi gathered up all the quilts that needed mending from every unit and repaired them so they wouldn't do anymore damage to the facilities washers and dryers. Heidi along with the girls have volunteered to do a quilt for "Make a Difference Day." Heidi and the girls did several service projects this past summer including making quilts for the womens

they cut out educational/learning tools for the children at the women's shelter. They colored alphabet books for the humanitarian aid. While performing the service and completing the projects Heidi does her best to help the girls understand in her words, "...what life is all about (love, compassion, service) and what we get from giving." Thanks Heidi for being a great example.



Heidi with the residents from Slate Canyon Youth Center that worked on the quilts for Make a Difference Day

You cannot hope to build a better world without improving the individuals. To that end each of us must work for his own improvement, and at the same time share a general responsibility for all humanity, our particular duty being to aid those to whom we think we can be most useful.

--Marie Curie

Gayle Wendel Gotberg



Gayle Wendel Gotberg was another dedicated volunteer. She passed away on October 18th after a courageous battle with cancer. Gayle was a regular volunteer at Wasatch Youth Center. She came with the LDS Church and as a side she would teach the boys

how to play the piano. She loved working with the youth and also did work at the State Prison with her husband. She was loved by all and it was an honor to know her.

Wasatch Youth Center is planning a Musical program in her memory for the youth.



Jane Rideout

By Lonny Burton - Volunteer Coordinator
Salt Lake Valley Detention



Salt Lake Valley Detention Center volunteer, Jane Rideout, ROCKS! Jane and her husband, Dan Rideout, former Ute basketball star, (woo hoo) volunteered at the detention center for a few years! They were the kind of volunteers that the kids looked forward to seeing each week- and ones the staff loved as well. They always brought such a positive and hopeful energy to the group.

They were nominated for the AARP outstanding community volunteers and were chosen as winners and recognized at a banquet October 11, 2007. I was thrilled to have my volunteers receive this well deserved honor. They have been

released from their calling here in detention, but Jane is gearing up to be a reading tutor at Decker Lake. She truly is a role model, and such a burst of fun loving energy. We love you Jane!

MADD - MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Make a Difference Day is the largest national day of helping others. Every year Juvenile Justice gets involved in a statewide project. As you remember the great sock drive last year. This year we coordinated with the Humanitarian Center to get supplies to make quilts for the Veterans.

Debora Torman from Reflections reports, "The girls were very heartfelt about making the quilts. None of them had ever tied a quilt before so it was a good learning experience. We talked about who the quilts were going to, then we did a little history lesson what it means to be a veteran. It was very interesting to watch their reactions, most of them are angry about war, they do not understand why people kill or hate one another. This is ironic because most of the girls are gang affiliated. The lap quilts were made and donated by one of the Reflections staff, Susan Chase. She is the person to go to when one wants a project completed from beginning to end. We are very proud to have her as a co-worker."

Sarah a youth from Orem O&A said, "When we started working on the quilts I thought we would never finish them. Each of the ties had to be three inches apart and Mrs. Pape (school-teacher) made sure we measured each one to make sure they lined up. We had lots of fun while we made the quilts. We listened to music, and that made it even more fun. When we were finished with the quilts it made me feel good inside because I knew we made them for a worthy cause."



Nancy Springer at the Humanitarian Center receiving the quilts for MADD. She said, "They are Great!"